

Dear Col. Marland:

I have just turned over to Major Stremiau the Daily Journal extracts covering 11 Nov - 17 Nov 1945. I hope that it draws a fairly complete picture of what has been going on here. You will see that the SOP for evacuation of documents is not being strictly adhered to, particularly by OCE, Ordnance, and AMS. It has proven very difficult to convince the offenders that we are not burying documents, but are here to help other agencies. The good, zealous gentlemen, who in many cases do not know what to do with the documents once they have taken them, feel that it adds to their glory if they personally seize, wrap, and ship documents. We can't do much about it but insist that we be given a record of documents taken by them.

Navy, too, has not abided by SOP. But I think that Major Stremiau will cover that contretemps in his letter to you. In any event, I feel that Commander Reierstad is working for Navy, when he is working, and is anxious to get his job completed as quickly as possible. That is laudable, to be sure, but it is not in concordance with our mission. Sending documents back to the States with careless records kept on shipments, no identification of documents will only perpetuate the confusion under which WDC and PACMIRS have been operating for the past year.

[ It has occurred to me that present WDC, Washington disposition of documents should be looked into before the shipments arrive from Tokyo. Although the WDC Library is still in the realm of discourse, I think that disposition of documents should be controlled by the likelihood of its ultimate materialization. For instance while I was still at Ritchie, WDC was sending all periodicals, newspapers, belletristic items to Inter-departmental Committee. I feel that if a centralized library should ever come into being, it might be wise to hold on to such items. Within the next few days I am sending an almost complete file of a periodical on which I have been working. WDC Library will not be served if that file is routed to Inter-departmental Committee. I think that a strict control on routing of documents at WDC should be maintained. With but few exceptions most documents shipped from Japan are selected for the WDC Library to be. ]

Frankly I have had a very busy two weeks since your departure but no problems encountered to date have been insurmountable. I shall appreciate ~~the~~ arrival of our personnel, however, because the work is piling up. I am enjoying myself very much and feel confident that my time and energy are not being wasted.

I am anxious to hear how Pacmirs is faring in the meantime. I have heard from Sarah several times but her letters, security still being observed, deal only with friendships and courtships. I look forward to the gang's arrival eagerly.

If it is possible and if it does not interfere with your plans, I should like to stay here in Japan until the job is reasonably completed. There is no urgency about my returning to civilian life. My points are low and I should not like to leave the service at mid-term time. It would be financially bleak for me to face three or four months waiting for a semester to begin with no shekels, few they may be, coming in. Last week I received a letter from my departmental head who apprised me that my job will be waiting whenever I do return. There is no urgency he clearly indicated. I am quite content to stay in the service and see through the plans you have been making for WDC. Furthermore there is the necessity at this end for a trouble-shooter to be on hand all the time. I think

that you will understand what I mean.

I am sending a few stamps that I picked up to Col. Hopkins. Once I get out of this souvenir hunter's paradise, I am sure that I can do better. I have purchased nothing since you left and have seen nothing worth carting home. Items on sale here are degenerating in quality and increasing outrageously in price.

Please remember me to Mrs. Marland, your boy, and my friends in the "shop". I hope that everyone there is well and happy and enjoying the Maryland Fall. With very best regards, I am

Yours as ever

